



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

**To:** City Council Members  
**From:** Mayor Kevin Hanley  
**Date:** September 24, 2012  
**Subject:** Temporary Regional Sewer Committee: Appointments

### **The Issue**

Shall the City Council approve the appointment of Council Members Kirby and Powers to a Temporary Regional Sewer Committee consisting of two Placer County Supervisors and sunset these appointments on December 1, 2012?

### **Conclusion and Recommendation**

That the City Council approve, by resolution, the appointment of Council Members Kirby and Powers to a Temporary Regional Sewer Committee and to sunset these appointments on December 1, 2012.

### **Background**

Regarding the ongoing discussions between the City of Lincoln, Placer County and the City of Auburn as to whether the three entities should enter into an agreement to build and operate a regional sewer system, several supervisors have requested that I appoint two city council members to formally engage in further discussions on this issue.

Although I am, after examining the regional sewer idea for over 10 years, skeptical as to whether a proposal can be crafted that is in the best financial interests of Auburn rate payers, I have always kept an open mind and support discussions between the three entities.

With this caveat, I believe that these appointments should sunset on December 1, 2012. I also believe that these appointments shouldn't burden our Public Works Director with more work on this subject. She has, over the last year, spent many hours in discussions and doing analyses of various regional sewer proposals. The City of Auburn has a small Public Works staff and every hour spent in meetings related to regional sewer takes away time spent on current projects important to Auburn residents and business owners. It is my recommendation that city staff not be tasked with further work or time spent in meetings unless approved by the City Manager.

I also recommend that the appointees ensure that the county and not the city carry out any noticing and open meeting law requirements.

### **Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives**

Do not make the appointments and let any discussions between city council members and elected and staff members of Placer County and the City of Lincoln proceed without formal committee appointments.

### **Fiscal Impact**

None.

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-  
TEMPORARY REGIONAL SEWER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council approves the appointments of Council Member Bill Kirby and Council Member Bridget Powers to a Temporary Regional Sewer Committee and to sunset these appointments on December 1, 2012.

DATED: September 24, 2012

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Kevin Hanley, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012 by the following vote on roll call:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Absent:
- Abstained:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk